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54 Male46 Female[5]

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ALL NON-REGISTERED ADULTS

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

Yes, registered	-	[15]
No, not registered	10	
	0	
Not sure	-	

2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

Right direction	1	[16]
	7	
Wrong track	6	
	7	
Mixed (VOL)	9	
Not sure	7	

3. Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?

Better off	42	[17 1
Worse offAbout the same	36 20	•
(VOL)	2	

I'm going to read you the names of several groups and people who are active in public affairs. I'd like you to rate your feelings toward each one as either very positive, somewhat positive, neutral, somewhat negative, or very negative. If you don't know the name, please just say so. (READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	Very <u>Positive</u>	Somewha t <u>Positive</u>	Neu - <u>tral</u>	Somewha t <u>Negative</u>	Very <u>Negativ</u> <u>e</u>	Don't Know Name/ <u>Not</u> <u>Sure</u>	
George Bush	8	30	23	21	16	2	[18]
The U.S. Congress	3	19	23	28	21	6	[19]
Jesse Jackson	9	22	30	15	16	8	[20]
Ross Perot	9	19	23	6	4	39	[21]
The Supreme Court	9	33	28	16	9	5	[22]
Jack Kemp	2	13	19	8	5	53	[23]
Bill Clinton	7	22	27	20	12	12	[24]
Dan Quayle	3	18	28	23	20	8	[25]

In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job G	George Bush is doing as pres	ident?
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Approve	4	[26]
• •	5	
Disapprove	4	
• •	5	
Not sure	1	
	0	

5b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the economy?

Approve	1	[27]
Disapprove	7	
	5	
Not sure	6	

(FORM A)

5c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

Approve	5	[28]
	1	
Disapprove	4	
• •	0	
Not sure	9	

(BOTH FORMS)

6a. Looking ahead to this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you feel your representative deserves to be reelected, or do you think it is time to give a new person a chance?

Reelect representative	2	[29]
	2	
Give new person a chance	6	
•	1	
Not sure	1	

6b. In this year's election for U.S. Congress, do you plan to vote for the Republican candidate or the Democratic candidate in your district?

Vote for the Republican	2	[30]
candidate	5	
Vote for the Democratic	3	
candidate	1	
Depends (VOL)	6	
Neither (VOL)	1	
	3	
Not sure	2	
	5	

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7a.	If the 1992 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were George Bush, the Republican, Bill Clinton, the Democrat, and Ross Perot, the Independent, for whom would you voteBush, Clinton, or Perot?
	(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?
	George Bush

George Bush	3	[31]
_	1	
Lean Bush	2	
Bill Clinton	2	
	6	
Lean Clinton	3	
Ross Perot	2	
	0	
Lean Perot	6	
None (VOL)	6	
Not sure	6	
1400 3010	9	

7b. If the 1992 presidential election were being held today and the candidates were George Bush, the Republican, and Bill Clinton, the Democrat, for whom would you vote--Bush or Clinton?

(IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?

(IF "BUSH" OR "CLINTON," ASK:) Would you say you support (George Bush/Bill Clinton) very strongly or not so strongly?

George Bush/strongly		[32]
George Bush/not so strongly	2 2	
	1	
Lean Bush Bill Clinton/strongly	1	
Dill Climber (net ex atmosph)	8	
Bill Clinton/not so strongly	2 1	
Lean Clinton	3	
Neither (VOL)	0	
Not sure	4	

8. How much would you say you know about Ross Perot and what he stands for--a great deal, quite a bit, just some, very little, or nothing at all?

A great deal	2	[33]
Quite a bit	7	
Just some	2	
	8	
Very little	3	
•	1	
Nothing at all	3	
, and the second	1	
Not sure	1	

9. Which one of these candidates for president do you think best represents traditional American values? (READ CHOICES. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

Ross Perot	2	[34]
	2	
Bill Clinton	2	
	2	
George Bush	3	
-	5	
Other (VOL)	-	

All equally (VOL)	1
None of these (VOL)	8
Not sure	1
	2

10. There have been a number of questions raised in the news media about Ross Perot's past. Based on what you know and have heard about Ross Perot, how much do questions about his past concern you--a great deal, some, very little, or not at all?

A great dealSome	6 2	[35]
	1	
Very little	2	
	3	
Not at all	4	
	0	
Not sure	1	
	0	

(FORM A)

11. Now, let me read you a list of some specific issues. When it comes to **(READ ITEM)**, which party do you think would do a better job--the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, neither, or are both about the same? **(REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)**

	Democrati c <u>Party</u>	Republica n <u>Party</u>	<u>Neith</u> <u>er</u>	<u>Both</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Dealing with the economy	28	17	16	31	8	[36]
Looking out for the poor	49	10	18	14	9	[37]
Dealing with the issue of abortion	27	17	20	18	18	[38]
Dealing with crime	22	22	19	26	11	[39]
Looking out for people like you	36	17	21	15	11	[40]
Dealing with women's issues and problems	39	12	15	21	13	[41]
Dealing with taxes	26	17	21	24	12	[42]
Dealing with race relations	35	12	22	20	11	[43]
Protecting America's interests on trade issues	24	28	11	26	11	[44]

(FORM B)

12. Now, let me read you a list of some specific issues. Who do you think would do the best job as president on **(READ ITEM)**--Bill Clinton, Ross Perot, George Bush, none of them, or are all of them about the same? **(REPEAT FOR EACH ITEM LISTED BELOW. ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)**

	Bill <u>Clinto</u> <u>n</u>	Ross <u>Pero</u> <u>t</u>	Georg e <u>Bush</u>	None of <u>Them</u>	All of <u>Them</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Dealing with the economy	22	28	16	15	11	8	[45]
Looking out for the poor	35	15	11	17	12	10	[46]
Dealing with the issue of abortion. \cdot	20	7	19	16	10	28	[47]
Dealing with crime	17	12	26	15	15	15	[48]
Looking out for people like you	23	15	18	22	9	13	[49]
Dealing with women's issues and problems	26	8	16	21	11	18	[50]
Dealing with taxes	18	21	19	18	9	15	[51]
Dealing with race relations	23	5	21	16	14	21	[52]

Protecting America's interests on 10 19 32 10 9 20 [53]

trade issues.....

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(BOTH 13.	How often would you say you vote in national elections- sometimes, or almost never?	-almost	t always, most of the time, o	only
	Almost always	2 6	[54]	
	Most of the time	1 2		
	Only sometimes	2		
	Almost never	3 6		
	Not sure	3		
14.	How much difference do you think it will make in the live year's presidential electiona great deal, quite a bit, just			this
	A great deal	2 1	[55]	
	Quite a bit	1		
	Just some	2 6		
	Very little	3		
	Not sure	4		
15.	Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: P what the government does.	eople li	ike me don't have any say ab	out
	Agree	5 2	[56]	
	Disagree	4 5		
	Not sure	3		
16.	Do you think that quite a few of the people running governany are, or do you think hardly any of them are crooked			ery
	Quite a few are crooked	6 4	[57]	
	Not very many are crooked	4 2 7		
	Hardly any are crooked Not sure	8 1		
17.	Let me read you a series of descriptions of the American which one comes closest to your point of view. (READ CI			me
	A) The American political process is working well as is		2 [58]	

B) The American political process is working only okay and needs some changes	3 3 4 6
<u>OR</u>	
	1
D) The American political process is not working at all and needs a complete overhaul	7
	-
None of these (VOL)	
Not sure	2

		-					
	this country are stacked against people like me"?						
18.	Do you agree or disagree with the following statement:	"The ec	onomic	and	political	system	ıs Ir

Agree	5	[59]
	2	
Disagree	4	
-	4	
Not sure	4	

(F	O	R	M	Α)
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19.	In general,	do	you	think	the	U.S.	Supreme	Court	is	too	liberal	or	too	conservative	in	its
	decisions?															

Too liberal	28	[60]
Too conservative	54	
About right (VOL)	4	
Depends (VOL)	5	
Not sure	9	

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the economy.

(BOTH FORMS)

20. During the <u>next year</u>, do you think the national economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

Better	2	[61]
	8	
Worse	2	
	4	
About the same	4	
	6	
Not sure	2	

21. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which <u>one</u> do you feel is the most important issue facing the country? (READ LIST SLOWLY. <u>START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW</u>. ACCEPT ONLY <u>ONE</u> ANSWER.)

Inflation	7	[62]
Unemployment	54	
Interest rates	-	
The federal budget deficit	18	
Federal taxes	4	
The U.S. trade deficit	6	
All equally important (VOL)	9	
None is important (VOL)	1	
Not sure	1	

(FORM A)

22. Who do you blame most for the country's economic problems? (READ LIST. ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

President Bush	23	[63]
The Federal Reserve	4	
Democrats in Congress	20	
Banks	7	
The normal business	25	
cycle		
All equally (VOL)	11	
None of these (VOL)	3	
Not sure	7	

(BOTH FORMS)

23. Do you think the middle class is being squeezed more by: (READ CHOICES. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

A) The c	ost of welfare programs for the	19	[64]
poor	and unfair advantages for		
minoritie	es		
<u>OR</u>			
		66	

B) The cost of tax breaks for the rich and

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	unfair advantages for big business		10	
	Both equally (VOL)		10	
Now.	Not surel'd like to ask you a few questions about some domo		4 social issues.	
24.	Do you think the federal government is currently sper amount on fighting poverty?			or the right
	Too much Too little The right amount Not sure	10 73 11 6	[65]	
25.	Do you think that most people who receive money fro they tried, or do you think they really need this help?	m we	lfare could get along	without it it
	Could get along without welfare Really need this help Not sure	41 47 12	[66]	
26.	Compared to ten years ago, do you think blacks in Amer about the same, a little worse off, or a lot worse off?	rica ar	e a lot better off, a lit	tle better off
	A lot better off	23 32 22 11 8 4	[67]	
27.	Do you think the United States has made a lot of progres in easing tensions between blacks and whites in the pas			uch progress
	A lot of progress	10 36 52 2		
28.	In dealing with the problems of America's inner cities, emphasis on: (READ STATEMENTS. ROTATE ORDER			
	A) Government spending on education and training programs to help people in the inner cities		5 [69] 7	
	<u>OR</u>			
	B) Private initiative and personal responsibi by people living in the inner cities		3 . 1	
	Both equally (VOL)		1 0	
	Neither (VOL)		. -	
	Not sure		2	

29.		you think is more responsible for the deterioration of America's inn ENTS. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)	er citi	es: (READ
	A) The soci	al programs of the "Great Society" begun back in the 1960s	2 8	[70]
	<u>OR</u>			
	B) Reduction Reagan	ons in social programs for the poor and inner cities made by the and Bush administrations over the past decade	5 7	
	Both equ	ally (VOL)	3	
	Neither (VOL)	3	
	Not sure.		9	

30. And which of the following reasons do you think is most responsible for the continuing problem of poverty in our nation's inner cities? (**READ LIST. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.**)

A) The lack of government funding and programs	8	[71]
B) The lack of job opportunities	2 9	
C) Racial discrimination	4	
D) The breakdown of families	1 8	
E) Drugs	1 6	
F) The lack of a work ethic	1 0	
Other (VOL)	-	
All equally (VOL)	1 3	
None of these (VOL)	-	
Not sure	2	

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about some other social issues.

31. For each of the following groups, please tell me if you feel they are receiving too many special advantages, receiving fair treatment, or being discriminated against. How about (READ GROUP)--are they receiving special advantages, receiving fair treatment, or being discriminated against? (RECORD BELOW AND ASK FOR THE OTHER GROUPS. START FROM BOTTOM ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	Special <u>Advantage</u> <u>S</u>	Fair <u>Treatment</u>	Discriminate d <u>Against</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
Blacks	15	34	44	7	[72]
Whites	19	58	17	6	[73]
Asian-Americans	17	46	26	11	[74]

32. Do you think blacks and other minorities should receive preference in hiring to make up for past inequalities, or not?

Should receive preference	15	[75]	
Should not receive preference	81		
Not sure	4		

33.	How likely do you think it is that there will be other raci summer like the ones that occurred recently in Los Ar very likely, or not at all likely?				
	Very likely Somewhat likely Not very likely Not at all likely Not sure	4	2 9	[76]	
34.	Which of the following do you think is the best way to e (READ CHOICES. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER				rbances in Los Angeles:
	A) They were caused by longstanding racial an economic frustrations that came to a hea the Rodney King verdict	d aft		3	[77]
	<u>OR</u>				
	B) People who do not respect law and order use Rodney King verdict as an excuse to engage looting and violence	in		5 0	
	Both equally (VOL)			1 4	
	Neither (VOL)			1	
	Not sure			2	
35.	Which of the following do you think is the best way for raised by the incidents in Los Angeles: (READ STATE OTHER INTERVIEW.)				
	STATEMENT A: The government should place a greated down on the people responsible for the disturbances.	er en	nphas	is on la	aw and order, and crack
	<u>OR</u>				
	STATEMENT B: The government should place a great programs to alleviate problems in the inner cities.	ter e	empha	sis on	providing services and
	Statement A	3	[78]		
	Statement B	3 5			
	Both equally (VOL) Neither (VOL) Not sure	4 9 1 3			
36.	In general, do you approve or disapprove of the way situation in Los Angeles?	Pre	sident	Bush	n has responded to the
	Approve	4	[79]		
	Disapprove	1			
	Neither (VOL) Not sure	9 2 8			
37.	Have you spoken to anyone who is a different race from or the Rodney King verdict?	ı you	ı abou	ut the	situation in Los Angeles

Yes, have spoken to someone who is a different	5	[80]
race	0	
No, have not spoken to someone who is a different	4	
race	9	
Not sure	1	

38.	Some people say police officers rough up peo after they have made their arrest. Do you thi					
	Yes			5 [8	1]	
	No			4		
	Not sure			0 5		
Chan	ging subjects:					
39a.	Do you personally believe abortion is wrong?					
	Yes		4 4	[82]		
	No		4 7			
	Not sure		9			
39b.	Do you think abortion should be illegal, or not	t?				
	Yes		2 6	[83]		
	No		6 7			
	Not sure		7			
39c.	As you may know, the U.S. Supreme Cou Pennsylvania law that restricts abortion. twenty-four hours after requesting an abortio get a parent's permission, and that married whave an abortion. Do you think the U.S. S Pennsylvania law?	The Penns n before it women tel	sylvar t is pe Il thei	nia law re erformed, t r husbands	quires that hat women s before bei	women wait under age 18 ng allowed to
	Yes, should overturn Pennsy	Ivania law	ı. 3			
	No, should not overturn Pen law Not sure		6	5		
40.	Now, let me read you some specific proposal me whether you would favor or oppose this re		icting	abortion.	For each or	ne, please tell
	(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:) Would you favor ITEM. ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER			AD ITEM	? (REPEA	T FOR EACH
		<u>Favor</u>		<u>Oppose</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
	Requiring women under age 18 to get a parent's permission before receiving an abortion	73		25	2	[85]
	Completely banning all abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or when the life of the woman is at risk	42		56	2	[86]
	Requiring women to wait twenty-four hours before receiving an abortion	71		27	2	[87]
	Requiring married women to inform their husbands before receiving an abortion	67		30	3	[88]

Completely banning all abortions after the <u>first</u> trimester.....

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(FORM B)

41a. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate who favors a woman's right to an abortion?

(IF "MORE LIKELY," ASK:) Would this make you much more likely or somewhat more likely to support this candidate?

(IF "LESS LIKELY," ASK:) Would this make you much less likely or somewhat less likely to support this candidate?

Much more likely to support	36	[90]
Somewhat more likely to support	29	
Somewhat less likely to support	8	
Much less likely to support	16	
Not make much difference (VOL)	8	
Not sure	3	

(FORM B)

41b. Would you be more likely or less likely to support a candidate who favors allowing states to decide individually whether abortion should be legal?

(**IF "MORE LIKELY," ASK:**) Would this make you much more likely or somewhat more likely to support this candidate?

(IF "LESS LIKELY," ASK:) Would this make you much less likely or somewhat less likely to support this candidate?

Much more likely to support	17	[91]
Somewhat more likely to support	21	
Somewhat less likely to support	25	
Much less likely to support	22	
Not make much difference (VOL)	7	
Not sure	8	

(FORM B)

42. Do you favor or oppose the death penalty?

Favor	68	[92]
Oppose	24	
Not sure	8	

(FORM B)

43. Do you favor or oppose a federal law to require a seven-day waiting period before an individual can purchase a handgun?

Favor	8	[93]
	0	
Oppose	1	
	8	
Not sure	2	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

(BOTH FORMS)

F1. Did you happen to vote in the 1988 presidential election?

(IF "YES," ASK:) For whom did you vote--George Bush, the Republican, or Michael Dukakis, the Democrat?

Didn't vote	4	[94]
	7	
Voted for George Bush	2	
	6	

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	Other candidate (VOL) Too young (VOL) Not sure/refused	0 - 7 1 0
F2.	In politics today, do you generally consider yourself moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or	
	Very liberalSomewhat liberal	8 [95] 1 7
	Moderate Somewhat conservative	2 0 1
	Very conservative No thoughts	3 6 3
	Not sure	4 2
F3.	And generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Do or something else?	emocrat, a Republican, an Independent,
	(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Re "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")	
	(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself at to the Description Party, or do you think of yourself as some as a second of the property (INDEPENDENT!!)	
	CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")	
	Strong Democrat	9 [96]
	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2
	Strong Democrat Not strong Democrat Independent/lean Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9
	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6
	Strong Democrat Not strong Democrat Independent/lean Democrat Strictly Independent Independent/lean Republican Not strong Republican Strong Republican	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1 5 •? (READ LIST.)
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1 5 ••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1 5 (READ LIST.) 1 [97] 6 2 0
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1 5 (READ LIST.) 1 [97] 6 2 0 1 9
F4.	Strong Democrat	1 4 9 2 1 9 1 3 6 1 3 1 5 (READ LIST.) 1 [97] 6 2 0 1 9 1 2

Voted for Michael Dukakis...... 1

Not sure/refused.....-

F5. What is the last grade you completed in school? (DO NOT READ CHOICES.)

Grade school	4	[98]
Some high school	1	
High school graduate	4	
	0	
Some college, no degree	1	
	/	
Vocational training, 2-year college	6	
4-year college/Bachelor's degree	1	
	1	
Some postgraduate work, no degree	2	
2-3 years postgraduate work, Master's	6	
degree		
Doctoral degree/law degree	-	
Not sure	-	

F6.	How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you the Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 3 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?	ell r 5 to	me which age group you belong to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 5)? .5
	18-24	2	[99]	
	25-29	1 8		
	30-34	1		
	35-39	1 1		
	40-44	7		
	45-49	7		
	50-54	4		
	55-59	3		
	60-64	4		
	65 and over	6		
	Not sure/refused	-		
F7.	What type of work do you do? (WRITE JOB DESCRIPTION Professional/manager		SPACE BELOW.) 2 [100]	
	White collar worker	1	1	
		8	1 8	
	Blue collar worker	2	3 2	
	Farmer		- -	
	Student	1	1	
		•	0	
	Homemaker		1 1	
	Retired			
			4	
	Unemployed		4	
	Never worked/not sure		-	
F8.	What is your marital statusare you single and never n widowed?	narri	ied, married, separated, divorced, o	or
	Single	4 2	[101]	
	Married	4		
		4		
	Separated	i		
	Divorced	i		
	Divorced	Ō		
	Widowed	3		
	Not sure/refused	5		
	Not sure/refuseu	-		
F9.	In what religion were you brought up?			
	Protestant	5 3	[102]	
	Catholic	2		
	Jewish	2		
	Other	1		
	OUICI	0		
	None	6		
	Not sure/refused	1		
	NOT SUIE/ICIUSEU	1		

F10a. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

White	76	SKIP TO Q.F11.	[103]
Black	11	CONTINUE	
Hispanic	9	SKIP	<u></u>
Asian	3	то	
Other	1	Q.F11.	
Not sure/refused	_		

(ASK ONLY OF BLACK RESPONDENTS)

F10b. When someone refers to your race, do you prefer to be referred to as black, African-American, or do you prefer some other term?

Black	6	[104]
African-American	2	
Some other term	2	
Some other term	1	
Not sure/refused	5	

(ASK EVERYONE.)

F11. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000	1 2	[105]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000	1	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000	8 2	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000	1	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000	6 9	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000	1 1	
More than \$75,000 Not sure/refused	7 6	